

### MY SPIRIT BRIDE.

By M. F. BREWER.

The monarch now bears of his queenly love,  
As fair as the fairest flower—  
May prize her, his sceptre and crown above,  
His honor, his state, his power;  
The Persian may boast his Peri-maid,  
The Turk of his Harem's pride,  
But give me a friend that never can fade—  
O give me my spirit-bride!

The miser may treasure his diamonds bright,  
His jewels of pearl sheer;

But I prize not aught but what  
In the eye of my more than queen—  
My low'st one's breast is a phantom gen,

And I challenge the world beside,

To match in the conflict dauben,

This gift of my spirit-bride!

O my spirit-bride—she is ever fair!

Possessor of a thousand charms;

She comes like an angel of upper air,

And bleases my aching charms;

As for me, I have a thousand bounding shrill,

My blood is a joyful tide,

Rolls on in its current mire still,

For I love my spirit-bride!

SIR ROBERT PEEL.

By M. F. TURNER.

Struck down at noon amid the startled throng,  
A Eagle shot while soaring to the sun,

A wounded gladiator, dying strong,

A lion who had won—

A life-long parson, with his work half done—

Of great statesman, shall my mourning arms—

Arise in dead solemnity—of thee,

Whom the wide world, so lately and so long

Thine only, would weep to hear and see

Their intellectual Athlete, their high name

For their valiant personal gifts and powers,

But lo! that stately peer, in his prime,

Was fully enfranchised from this earth of ours,

Torn in the zenith of its fame,

The Imprisoned Lady.

We derive the following curious passage of life

One hundred years since, from the second volume of

Mr. Burke's "Anecdotes of the Antient Law."

Lady Cathcart was one of the four daughters of Mr. Mayne, of Southwark and Battersea, in Stepney, and in old times, but never had any issue. Her husband, Mr. James Peet, Esq. of the city of London, Lord of the Manor of Tewting; her second, Captain Suline, younger brother of General Joseph Suline of Quenby; her third, Charles, eighth Lord Cathcart of the Kingdom of Scotland, Commander-in-Chief of the forces in the West Indies, and her fourth, Hugh Macguire, an officer in the Hungarian service, for whom she bought a lieutenant's commission in the British army, and whom she also survived. She was to receive a large sum by his treatment, to verify the position, which she described as a pay on her wedding day:

"I'll marry,"

"I'll live with you."

Her avowed motives for these several engagements were, for the first, obedience to her parents, for the second, money; for the third, title; and for the fourth, submission to the fact that "the devil over her a grudge, and would punish her for her sins." In the last union she met with her match. The Hibernal, or Northern winter wanted only her money. Soon after their marriage, she discovered her grievous mistake, and became alarmed lest the colonel, who was desperately in love, with the widow, but with the shadow of Jove himself, designed to carry her off, and to get absolute power over all her property, to provide for the worst; her ladyship placed some of her jewels in her hair, and quitted others in her pockets. Meanwhile, the mistress of the colonel far outshone herself, and the master of the "Queen of the Prairie," distinguished among all the "Queens of the Prairie," to be exceeded, than the terms of any other Late Insurance Company, to wit:

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